IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 6, as follows:

The sectional area of the needle member receiving portions 31, 32 shown in FIG. 2 is much larger than that of the outer diameter of the hollow needle members 4, 5 at the front end portion thereof. The sectional area of the connection duct 33 in the axial direction of the body part 2 is larger than that of the guide portion 13 of the suturing member 12. It is preferable that the width of the thread pull-out slit 38 is equal to or larger than that of a suturing thread to be used. It is preferable that the width of the thread pull-out slit 38 is smaller than that of the outer diameter of the guide portion 13 of the suturing member 12 to be used. ~~In a normal state, the width of the thread pull-out slit 38 is 0 mm. However, by making the portion of the thread pull-out slit 38 of the rotary portion 3 of an elastic material, it is possible to expand the thread pull-out slit 38 owing to a tensile force generated, when the suturing thread portion 14 is pulled out of the organism tissue suturing apparatus 1~~. The portion of the thread pull-out slit 38 of the rotary portion 3 may be made of an elastic material. In that case, so the width of the thread pull-out slit is 0 mm in a normal state, it is possible to expand the thread pull-out slit 38 owing to a tensile force generated, when the suturing thread portion 14 is pulled out of the organism tissue suturing apparatus 1. Thereby the suturing thread portion 14 can be pulled out of the thread pull-out slit 38. As the elastic material, it is possible to use the following materials: macromolecular materials including polyolefin such as polypropylene, polyethylene, and the like, olefin elastomer (for example, polyethylene elastomer, polypropylene elastomer), polyester such as polyethylene terephthalate, flexible polyvinyl chloride, polyurethane, urethane elastomer, polyamide,

amide elastomer (for example, polyamide elastomer), polytetrafluoroethylene, fluorocarbon resin elastomer, polyimide, ethylene-polyvinyl chloride copolymer, and silicone rubber.